Action Plan for Implementation of land reforms

525. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had drawn up a Seven-point action plan to speed up implementation of land reforms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) & (b) With a view to improve the access of rural poor to land, a Programme of action involving speedier implementation of some land reforms measures is being considered. The items proposed for inclusion in the Programme are:

(1) conferring ownership rights on landless rural poor in respect of homesteads occupied by them;

(2) unearthing of farzi land transactions undertaken to evade ceiling laws;

(3) bringing oral tenants/share-croppers on record;

(4) verification of possession in respect of SC/ST allottees of land;

(5) reservation for women in future allotment of land;

(6) distribution of surplus land at present locked in litigation.

Land being a State subject, the Programme will be finalised in consultation with State Governments.

New procurement price for wheat

526. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Punjab have urged the Central Government and the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission to fix up the new procurement price of wheat at Rs. 250 per quintal for the coming rabi season ; and

(b) by when the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission is expected to submit its report; and

(c) whether Government would announce the new price before the start of rabi sowing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Report of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices on Price Policy for Wheat crop of 1989-90 to be marketed in 1990-91 season has not been received so far.

(b) It is expected to be received shortly.

(c) The endeavour of the Government is to announce the price before the start of rabi sowing.

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